

AMENDING THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE
BARBERS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES," APPROVED JUNE 7, 1938

JULY 19, 1951.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

MR. HARRIS, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 573]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 573) to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate barbers in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June 7, 1938, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to increase the basic rate of compensation of members of the Board of Barber Examiners from \$9 to \$20 a day. The rate is in fact \$13.07 by operation of various pay acts. The effective increase therefore would be from \$13.07 to \$20.

In addition, the bill requires the posting of a list of prices for services rendered. The bill changes the penalty from a minimum of \$25, to a maximum of \$200.

The bill has the approval of the Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Barber Examiners for the District of Columbia.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2a of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as introduced, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 12, 52 STAT. 622

SEC. 12. [The Commissioners are authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for examinations and equipment to the Board and for the compensation

of the members of the Board at the rate of \$9 per day for the time actually and necessarily spent in their duties as such members and for the payment of expense necessarily incurred by the Board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter and are also authorized and directed to appoint a clerk and three inspectors at such salary as the Commissioners may authorize to assist the Board in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, said inspectors shall be qualified barbers, each of whom shall have been engaged in the practice of barbering in the District of Columbia for a period of five years immediately prior to their appointment, and shall be appointed after a competitive examination held for said positions by the board officer of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That payments under this section shall not exceed the amount received from the fees provided for in this chapter; and if at the close of each fiscal year any funds unexpended in excess of the sum of \$1,000 shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That no expense incurred under this chapter shall be a charge against the funds of the United States or the District of Columbia.】 *The Commissioners are authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for the Board. The compensation of each member of the Board, other than the secretary-treasurer, shall be fixed by the Commissioners at not to exceed \$20 for each day actually and necessarily spent in their duties as such members: Provided, That the total compensation payable to each such member shall not exceed \$600 per annum. The Commissioners are also authorized and directed to appoint such clerks, inspectors, and other personnel as they deem to be necessary to assist the Board in carrying out the provisions of this Act: Provided, That such inspectors shall be qualified barbers, each of whom shall have been engaged in the practice of barbering in the District of Columbia for a period of five years immediately prior to their appointment and shall be appointed after a competitive examination held for said positions by the Board. Compensation of such clerks, inspectors, and other personnel, including the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, shall be fixed by the Commissioners. Payments for expenses of the Board, including those authorized by this section shall not exceed the amount received from the fees provided for in this Act; and if at the close of any fiscal year there be any funds unexpended in excess of the sum of \$1,000 such excess shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia: Provided further, That no expense incurred under this Act shall be a charge against the funds of the United States or the District of Columbia.*

SEC. 14. (a) It shall be unlawful—

(1) To engage in the practice of barbering in the District of Columbia without a valid certificate as a registered barber, except that a registered barber apprentice may engage in the practice of barbering under the immediate personal supervision of a registered barber.

(2) To engage in the practice of barbering while knowingly afflicted with an infectious or communicable disease.

(3) To employ any person to engage in the practice of barbering except registered barbers and apprentices.

(4) To operate a barber shop unless it is at all times under the personal supervision of a registered barber.

(5) To obtain or attempt to obtain a certificate from the board for money other than the required fee, or for any other thing of value or by fraudulent misrepresentations. Certificates are not transferable to another person.

(6) After June 7, 1938, in the District of Columbia it shall be unlawful for a person to maintain seven days consecutively any establishment wherein the occupation or trade of barbering, hair dressing, or beauty culture is pursued. All such establishments shall be required to remain closed one day in every seven beginning at midnight or at sunset and no person shall maintain his establishment open to serve the public on the day he has selected it to be closed and has so registered the closing day at the Health Department.

(7) To own, manage, operate, or control any barber school or college, part or portion thereof, whether connected therewith or in a separate building, wherein the practice of barbering, as hereinbefore defined, is engaged in or carried on unless all entrances to the place wherein the practice of barbering is so engaged in or carried on shall display a sign indicating that the work therein is done by students exclusively.

(b) Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall upon conviction be fined [not less than \$25] not more than \$200.